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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON
AT TACOMA

10 L. FLETCHER,

11 Plaintiff,

12 v.

13 ROBIN ARNOLD-WILLIAMS, Secretary of
14 Washington State Department of Social and
15 Health Services (DSHS), in both her
16 individual and official capacities; DR. HENRY
17 RICHARDS, Superintendent, Special
18 Commitment Center, in both his individual
19 and official capacities; CATHI HARRIS,
20 Acting Clinical Director, Special Commitment
21 Center, in both her individual and official
22 capacities; JACK SOWERS, Assistant Clinical
23 Director, Special Commitment Center, in both
24 his individual and official capacities; JOHN
ROCKWELL, Administrative Clinical
Supervisor, Special Commitment Center, in
both his individual and official capacities;
WALTER WEINBERG, Forensic Therapist
Non-Treatment Supervisor, Special
Commitment Center, in both his individual
and official capacities,

Defendants.

Case No. C05-5733 RBL

ORDER

25 THIS MATTER comes on before the above-entitled Court upon Plaintiff's Motion to Seal Portions
26 of Court File "Disclosure Documents."

27 Having considered the entirety of the records and file herein, the Court rules as follows:

28 On May 19, 2006 plaintiff filed documents in paper form with the Clerk entitled Motion to Seal

1 Portions of Court File "Disclosure Documents." Included in the filing was a motion to seal and a proposed
2 protective order together with a one-inch stack of what appears to be discovery documents (copies of emails,
3 memos, schedules, and calendar excerpts). Plaintiff apparently seeks to file these documents pursuant to her
4 requirement to provide initial disclosures under the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure. However, Fed. R. Civ.
5 P. 26(a)(1) provides that initial disclosures be "provide[d] to other parties[]"; initial disclosures are not
6 required to be filed with the Court. Therefore, the Clerk is directed to return to plaintiff the "disclosure
7 documents" she has filed. The Clerk is directed to docket plaintiff's motion to seal and proposed protective
8 order.

9 **IT IS SO ORDERED.**

10 The Clerk shall send uncertified copies of this order to all counsel of record, and to any party appearing
11 pro se.

12 Dated this 31st day of May, 2006.

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14 Ronald B. Leighton
15 RONALD B. LEIGHTON
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE